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Director, Enforcement Division (6AEP)
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VI
First International Bank Building
1201 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75270

RE: PSD-TX-229

Dear Sir:

The above referenced permit was granted to Uni Oil, Inc., on March 1, 1980, for the construction and operation of certain refinery processing units at our facility in Ingleside, Texas, San Patricio County.

Process design and engineering have been completed on the entire expansion, with construction on the first phase commencing in April, 1980. Subsequently, Uni Oil, Inc., experienced financial problems which resulted in a suspension of construction. On February 27, 1981, Uni Refining, Inc., (wholly owned by Uni Oil, Inc.) filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter XI of the Bankruptcy Code (11 USC section 1101 ET SEQ) with reorganization proceedings ending in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas - Houston Division, case 81-00763-HP.

In March, 1981, Uni Oil, Inc., including all it's subsidiaries, was sold to new owners operating in the name of Texas Independent Oil Corporation. It is the intent of new owners to file a plan for reorganization and operation with the Bankruptcy Court in the near future. This plan will include a program to resume construction of the permitted refinery expansion.

For this reason, it is necessary to request an extension of the time limit on PSD-TX-229 which is scheduled to expire at midnight, September 12, 1981. Due to the magnitude of this expansion, we respectfully request a 24 month extension of the permit and trust you will favorably grant the extension.

Very truly yours,

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Texas Independent Oil Corporation

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